

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

IN RE:	§	CASE NO. 10-50128-LMC
	§	
BENTLEY ENERGY	§	Joint Administration Requested
CORPORATION	§	
	§	
Debtor-in-Possession	§	CHAPTER 11 CASE

DEBTOR'S EX PARTE MOTION FOR JOINT ADMINISTRATION

TO THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

COMES NOW Bentley Energy Corporation, the debtor and debtor in possession in the above-captioned cases (the "Debtor") hereby files this Motion for entry of an order under Rule 1015 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Rule 1015 of the Local Court Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas authorizing joint administration, ex parte, for procedural purposes only, of the chapter 11 cases commenced by Bentley Energy Corporation and Sonterra Energy Corporation. In support of the Motion, the Debtors respectfully submit: as follows:

JURISDICTION

1. The Court has jurisdiction to consider this Motion under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue of these cases and this Motion in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are Bankruptcy Rule 1015 and Local Rule 1015.

RELIEF REQUESTED

2. On January 8, 2010, the Debtors each filed a voluntary case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. This motion seeking joint administration of the Debtors' cases is filed contemporaneously with the two petitions.

3. The Debtors in the above-referenced case respectfully request joint administration.

4. Joint Administration is appropriate because the Debtors' primary secured creditor, Western National Bank, has liens on all of the assets of both Debtors and those liens are cross-collateralized.

5. Budgets proposed for debtor-in-possession financing or for the use of cash collateral will, of necessity, be joint budgets.

6. However, any plan of reorganization will have to take into consideration the assets and liabilities of the separate companies.

7. By this Motion, the Debtors seek entry of an order, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015 and Local Rule 1015, directing joint administration of the following cases under the Bentley Energy Corporation chapter 11 case which has not been assigned a case number, for procedural purposes only:

Bentley Energy Corporation
Sonterra Energy Corporation

Case No. 10-50128-LMC
Case No. 10-50129-RBK

BASIS FOR RELIEF

8. Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) allows the Court to jointly administer the estates if two or more petitions are pending in the same court by or against a debtor and an affiliate. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015(b)(4).

9. The Debtors anticipate numerous filings, notices and orders in this bankruptcy. In order to avoid duplicative filings and repeated service lists, the Debtors request the Court to jointly administer these two cases. The failure to jointly administer will be wasteful and unnecessarily burdensome to the Court.

10. Joint administration will allow parties in interest and their counsel to use a single caption on the documents that will be filed and served and file these papers in one case rather than two cases. Furthermore, it will ensure that parties in interest are apprised of all matters in both cases.

11. Recognizing that joint administration is procedural in nature, the Debtors request that the Court direct that any creditor filing a proof of claim against either of the Debtors clearly assert its claim against the particular Debtor obligated on such claim.

12. Bankruptcy courts routinely order joint administration of cases involving two or more entities. No party will be prejudiced by virtue of the relief requested in this Motion.

13. For these reasons, the Debtors submit that the relief requested herein is in the best interest of the Debtors, their estates, creditors and other parties in interest; therefore the motion should be granted.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Bentley Energy Corporation and Sonterra Energy Corporation pray that the Court enter an Order granting the following relief:

1. Joint administration of Bentley Energy Corporation and Sonterra Energy Corporation.

2. The caption for the two jointly administered corporations be recognized as Bentley Energy Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing has been mailed by facsimile transmission and/or U.S. First Class Mail to the parties listed on the attached service list on this the 9 day of January, 2010.

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